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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO AMMAN BEIRUT TEL AVIV
LONDON PARIS CAIRO FROM USUN APR 16

QUOTE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SC MEETING ON BEIRUT RAID: SCALI CONVERSATIONS
WITH LEBANESE PERM REP

1. AMB SCALI MET WITH LEBANESE PERM REP GHORRA JUST PRIOR
TO APRIL 16 SC MEETING. GHORRA GAVE US TEXT OF " WORKING
PAPER" AND NOTED THAT ONLY UK AND FRENCH HAVE COPY. HE
SAID PAPER IS NEGOTIABLE, LEBANESE WISH TO WORK WITH US AND
WOULD LIKE OUR REACTION.

2. SCALI, AFTER READING DRAFT, SAID IT IS " UNBELIEVABLY
LOPSIDED" AND TO SAY ONLY THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED WOULD
BE " VAST UNDERSTATEMENT". WE HAD THOUGHT LEBANESE
WANTED SINCERELY TO WORK OUT AGREEMENT WITH US. BUT, LEBANESE
WORKING PAPER CONTAINED NOTHING ON TERRORISM AND OP PARAS
HAVE NO BALANCE WHATSOEVER.

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3. GHORRA REITERATED PAPER WAS NEGOTIABLE; LEBANTN
CAN ACCEPT " FAIR" RES BUT " BALANCED RES" GIVES PROBLEMS.

4. FOLLOWING SC MEETING SCALI INFORMED GHORRA THAT HIS
INITIAL COMMENTS ABOUT LEBANESE WORKING PAPER WERE SHARED
AND SUPPORTED BY DEPT (DEPALMA TELECON). SCALI SAID RES
MUST BE BALANCED; IF ISRAEL IS CONDEMNED THEN IN SAME PARA
THERE MUST BE SPECIFIC CONEMNATION OF TERRORISM, INCLUDING
MOST RECENT ACTS AT KHARTOUM AND CYPRUS. GHORRA EXPRESSED
DOUBT REFERENCE TO KHARTOUM COULD BE INCLUDED. SCALI REITERATED
THAT IF SUCH REFERENCE WERE NOT INCLUDED, WE WOULD VIEW
RES AS LOPSIDED. BOTH AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH.
SCALI
UNQUOTE ROGERS

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